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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Todd M. Epps

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-16 and 24-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 17, 18, 19, 23, 28-29, and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 February 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is the first Office Action after Request For Continued Examination (RCE) for serial number 10/695,351, Display Supporting Apparatus, filed on October 29, 2003.

Drawings

The drawings were received on February 5, 2007. These drawings are accepted.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 17, 18, 19, 23, 28, 29, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,817,585 to Wagner et al (Wagner) in view of U.S. Design Patent No. 377,897 to Vogels, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,310,152 to O'Neill.

Wagner '585 (fig. 1) discloses an upper engaging part (30) mountable on a ceiling, a swivel adjusting part (52), and a flange member (16). However, Wagner '585 fails to disclose a display mounting part and a tilt adjusting part having a flange shape provided so that the first engaging pipe is coupled thereto, and to couple to the display mounting part. Nevertheless, Vogels '897 discloses a display mounting part (bottom portion) and a tilt adjusting part (bottom portion where the display mounting part is on top) having a flange shape. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary

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skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modified the "C-shaped bracket" that holds the display of Wagner '585 with a "C-shaped bracket" with a tilting adjusting part and a display mounting part as taught by Vogels '897 wherein doing so would provide thereof convenience to adjust the monitor in any direction as the customer desired.

In additional, Wagner '585 in view of Vogels '897 fails to disclose a display. Attention is directed to O'Neill '152 reference, which discloses a display mounted on a display mounting part. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modified the display supporting apparatus of Wagner '585 in view of Vogels '897 to include the display because one would have motivated to provide a means for supporting the display as taught by O'Neill '152.

Furthermore, Wagner '585 fails to disclose a first engaging pipe extended downward from the swivel adjusting part. Attention is directed to Wagner '585 (fig. 2), which discloses a first engaging pipe (52') extended downward from the swivel adjusting part, a second engaging pipe (50') having an external diameter to correspond to an internal diameter of the first engaging pipe (52'), wherein the second engaging pipe is inserted into the first engaging pipe to reduce a weight of the second engaging pipe, and provided with a trunk part having a hollow inside to couple to the first engaging pipe; one pair of first engaging holes (fig. 2); two pairs of second engaging holes on the bottom of the trunk part (fig. 3), and a display mounted on the display supporting. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

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invention was made to add a first engaging pipe extended downward from the swivel adjusting part as shown in figure 2 wherein doing so would provide thereof convenience to adjust the monitor in any direction as the customer desired.

Wagner '585 discloses the previous invention failing to specifically teach a third engaging pipe having an external diameter and internal diameter to correspond to the external and internal diameters of the first engaging pipe, and provided with a trunk part having a hollow inside to couple to the second engaging pipe. Since Wagner '585 discloses a second engaging pipe (50') having an external diameter to correspond to an internal diameter of the first engaging pipe (52'), it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add a third engaging pipe with one pair of first engaging holes and two pair of second engaging holes on the bottom of the trunk part wherein doing so would provide thereof a greater support to lower the monitor further downwardly.

Regarding claims 2, and 23, Wagner '585 discloses wherein a force to support the display is enhanced as a number of the second engaging holes of the upper engaging part is increased, however, fails to disclose a trunk part having a hollow projection, and a supporting rib combined with the mounting plate and the trunk part. Attention is directed to O'Neill '152 reference, which shows a mounting plate with a trunk part having a hollow projection, and a supporting rib. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the plate with a trunk part of Wagner '585 to have the plate with a trunk

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part and a supporting rib as in O'Neill '152 so as to provide thereof for superior mounting when liquid crystal display is rotated at a different direction.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-16, and 24-27 are allowed.

The prior art fails to teach in combination wherein a plate provided to withstand the weight of the display and with a through hole having a diameter equal to an external diameter of the trunk part of the upper engaging part; and an engaging part bent downward from an edge of the plate, and being provided with at least one pair of engaging holes to couple to the first engaging pipe.

Claims 20-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art fails to teach wherein a plate provides with a first engaging hole to couple the plate to the display mounting part; bent parts provided on opposite sides of the plate, having a second engaging holes to couple to at least first, second, and third engaging pipes, and a third engaging hole to couple to the at least one of the first, second, and third engaging pipes.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's response filed February 5, 2007 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd M. Epps whose telephone number is 571-272-8282. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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